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A.—The report received from the President of the South Arcot District Board on the subject is placed on the table.*

No report has yet been received from the President, District Board, Malabar. From the reports received from the other presidents of district boards it is found that all district boards except South Kanara have opened subsidiary toll-gates and must be deemed to have passed resolutions under clause (4) of section 104 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.

Irrigation facilities in Vizagapatam district.

707 *Q.*—Mr. M. Suryanarayana: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether any report has been received from the Collector of Vizagapatam in regard to the irrigation facilities of the district referred to by the hon. the Revenue Member in his reply to Resolution No. 193, dated 19th January 1922; and

(2) whether the Government will be pleased to place the same on the table?

A.—(1) Yes.

(2) The report is placed on the table.†

Forest Panchayat courts in Vizagapatam district.

708 *Q.*—Mr. M. Suryanarayana: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) what is the extent of No. 5 reserved forests in each of the Government taluks in the Vizagapatam district; and

(2) whether there are any Forest panchayats in any of these Government taluks, and if so, in what places?

A.—There are no class V forests in the Vizagapatam district, nor are there any forest panchayats in the district.

Panchayat courts for civil and criminal cases in Vizagapatam district.

709 *Q.*—Mr. M. Suryanarayana: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether any panchayat courts have been constituted for the trial of civil suits under section 9 of the Village Courts Act in the district of Vizagapatam; if so, in what places; and

(2) whether any of these courts have been invested with criminal jurisdiction; if so, in what places?

A.—(1) The Government have sanctioned 121 panchayat courts of which 113 have been opened by 31st December last. A list will be furnished to the hon. Member.

(2) All the above panchayat courts have criminal powers at present.

* Vide Appendix D on page 1291 infra. † Vide Appendix E on page 1291 infra.